

House Resolution No. 4196

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives always welcome the opportunity to acknowledge milestone events in the histories of Show-Me State communities that have proven down through the years to be exemplary places in which to live, work, and raise families; and

Whereas, Monroe City, Missouri, is the location of an airport that will be dedicated in honor of the late Captain Benedict Joseph Smith on October 4, 2008; and

Whereas, the Monroe City airport will be renamed the Captain Ben Smith Airfield in light of the accomplishments garnered during the ten-year-long career of West Point United States Military Academy graduate and United States Army officer Ben Smith; and

Whereas, Ben Smith graduated from Holy Rosary School and Monroe City R-I Senior High School before entering West Point Academy and earning an officer's commission; and

Whereas, a UH-60 Black Hawk helicopter pilot at the time of his death on November 7, 2003, in Iraq, Captain Ben Smith was the recipient of two Bronze Stars, a Purple Heart, three Air Medals, two Army Commendation Medals, one Army Achievement Medal, an Army Good Conduct Medal, two National Defense Service Medals, the Army Service Ribbon, an Overseas Service Ribbon, a War on Terror Service Medal, a War on Terror Expeditionary Medal, and the Aviator, Airborne, Air Assault and Combat Action Badges; and

Whereas, Captain Ben Smith also was a member of the Swinkey Horseshoe Hall of Fame, a 4th Degree member of the Knights of Columbus, and a member of the Honorable Order of Saint Michael; and

Whereas, Captain Ben Smith was the son of William Leo and Katherine Mary Smith, husband of Maggie Smith, and sibling of Sam Smith, Margie Wilcoxon, Leo Smith, Mary Sims, and Sally Lemongelli, all of whom supported and encouraged his love of "God, Family, and Country":

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the history, goals, and accomplishments associated with the airport at Monroe City and to commend its being renamed as the Captain Ben Smith Airfield; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution in honor of the Captain Ben Smith Airfield in Monroe City, Missouri.

Offered by _____
Representative Paul Quinn
District No. 9

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives,
Ninety-fourth General Assembly, Second Regular Session,
do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House
Resolution No. 4196, adopted September 22, 2008.

Rod Jetton, Speaker